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PENDING COURT CASES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of civil and criminal cases are pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, court-wise;

(c) the number of civil and criminal cases disposed of by these courts during each of the last three years, court-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken for speedy disposal of court cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ)

(a) &(b) A total of 40,243 cases (including civil and criminal matters) are`: reported to be pending in the Supreme Court of India as on 31st January, 2007. A statement showing civil and criminal cases pending in the High Courts as on 31st December, 2006 is annexed (Amexure-I).

(c) Statements showing the disposal in the High Courts as per information available in this Department, during 2004, 2005 and 2006 (upto September, 2006) are annexed (Annexure-II, III & IV).

(d) The corrective measures being taken for speedy disposal of court cases are briefly as under : -

1. Besides increasing the Judge strength from time to time, other measures such as grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialised benches and organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals etc. have also been taken.

2. Alternative modes of disposal including mediation, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. Special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts, Labour Courts, Consumer Courts etc. have been set up to expedite disposal of cases.

3. Information technology is being used in generation of cause lists, providing information to the litigants/Advocates etc. for speedy disposal of cases.

4. Fast Track Courts (FTC) have been set up for the disposal of long pending cases, particularly sessions cases . and cases involving undertrials in jails.

5. The Government has extended the term of existing 1562 Fast Track Courts, which were functional as on 31.3.2005, for another five years i.e. upto 31.3.2010 for clearing huge pendency of cases at District level.